

Dear Sirs:

I oppose any removal of ownership rules as they stand; currently *too much* of our media, I believe, is owned by corporations who have not and do not want diversity in reporting. And this will exacerbate the situation.

Gentlemen, this ruling cannot come to fruition; it will not bring about diversity, it will not bring about more concentration on local news. Simply put, local news costs more: more in people to cover local news, more in print and paper/time on television, more in all situations. And large companies cannot and will not spend money if there is an alternative; and without rules such as these, there is no competition, no outside force which will make companies spend the time, the energy, and the money to bring local news -- real local news -- to the table. It's cheaper, less controversial, and more profitable to bring fluffy news stories to their audience.

Please do not allow this to happen.